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Gulf War

Iraqi aircraft attacked an oil pumping station near Khorramabad and an oil refinery at Tabriz, scoring accurate and effective hits, a military spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by INA. He admitted that one Iraqi plane was downed over Iranian territory. Tehran radio subsequently confirmed that an Iraqi aircraft was shot down during a "foiled" raid on the Tabriz refinery. Earlier, British shipping sources cited by INA disclosed that the ship hit by an Iraqi missile south of Khark Island on 30 May was the Liberian vessel *Atlanticos*, a large tanker chartered to a Japanese company. INA also cited reports that the Iraqi siege of Khark prompted Lloyd's to raise insurance premiums on shipping heading for the island and caused Iranian oil exports from Khark to fall from 1.7 million to 700,000 barrels per day.

Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani reiterated Iran's warning that it will resist U.S. intervention in the Gulf, telling military personnel in a speech reported by Tehran radio that the Iranian people will respond by "heading for the Gulf in multitudes" to render it insecure. If Iran decides to harm oil installations in the Gulf states, "then we would do it in a way that they would be unable to rebuild them in the near future," he stated. The Majlis speaker charged that the lifestyle of the Gulf shaykhdoms is akin to "living in glass houses," because they depend on ports, installations, and oil pipelines that can be "destroyed by mortars, let alone air strikes."

Defense Minister Salim Sabah as-Salim denied that Kuwaiti forces have mobilized but disclosed that the Kuwaiti Air Force and air defenses are taking "special precautions," according to a statement to *AL-WATAN* cited by KUNA. He confirmed that Kuwait wishes to purchase Stinger missiles from the United States, adding that the latter has agreed in principle to this request. Earlier, *AL-WATAN* reported that despite Iran's preparations for a new offensive there are other signs that can be construed as a "hopeful development" in efforts to reduce tension. Iran has decided to close down the Voice of the Iraqi Islamic Revolution radio, for example, while Iraq has moderated its position toward Iraqis of Iranian origin, according to sources cited by the Kuwaiti paper.

In another development, Jordan's King Husayn discussed the situation in the Gulf "in light of the Iranian regime's escalation of its aggression against Iraq and Arab interests" during talks with the Bahraini amir in Manama, Amman radio and Manama television reported. Husayn affirmed Jordan's commitment to support Bahrain and other fraternal Arab states against this common danger, the radio said.

In Amman the paper *SAWT ASH-SHA'B* berated the U.S. Administration for its attempt to "play down" the Iranian attacks on Arab tankers, asserting that this policy is aimed at forcing a confrontation between Iran and the Gulf states in order to facilitate U.S. intervention in the area.

Lebanon

The security situation in Beirut deteriorated on the evening of 31 May as 4 people were killed and 45 others were wounded in shelling that was especially severe in the southern suburb, Beirut radio reported.

Earlier, after hearing Prime Minister Rashid Karami's policy statement, the Chamber of Deputies adjourned until 5 June, when it will debate the statement, the radio noted.

Egypt

Commenting on the recent People's Assembly elections in remarks reported by MENA, President Husni Mubarak said he wished that all competing parties had succeeded in obtaining representation in the Assembly so that it would represent all trends. The president stressed that there is nothing between himself and any party.

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AL-WATAN on Iraqi-Iran Rapprochement Moves

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[Sattar Jabbar article]

[Text] At a time when reports confirm that Iranians are massing additional troops near the Iraqi Majnun Islands in the southern sector of the warfront, and at a time when reports say that Iran has moved two divisions toward the Iraqi region of Hamid, well-informed sources informed *AL-WATAN* that the two warring parties, Iraq and Iran, have made decisions which have been construed by observers as a hopeful development in the efforts to reduce tension on the front. The sources said that Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i, at the initiative of Ayatollah Montazeri — a moderate in comparison with Hashemi-Rafsanjani — has issued a decision to close down the radio of the Voice of the Iraqi Islamic Revolution, which broadcasts from Iran for 16 hours propaganda campaigns that malign the leaders of area countries. The sources said that the decision was made because Iranian leaders wanted to avoid the intensification of the conflict with area countries in order to create a psychological climate that is conducive to bringing about understanding among the countries of the region.

Arab diplomatic sources in Baghdad informed *AL-WATAN* that the Revolution Command Council has issued a decree signed by Iraqi President Saddam Husayn stating that any person of Iranian origin who holds Iraqi nationality by naturalization and was not affected by deportation orders that were issued at the beginning of the war is considered an Iraqi and is a subject of all Iraqi laws, even though some of his relatives are living in Iran. Observers view the decision as a qualitative development in the Iraqi stand. The sources said that one of the most important conditions which Iran had set on mediators seeking to end the war was the condition on the return of Iraqi deportees to Iraq. With regard to the latest developments on the warfront and the attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf, the same sources said that following their visit to Tehran, Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Faruq ash-Shar' took with them to Riyadh last week a number of views and proposals, the most prominent of which are:

First, Iranian officials are opposed to foreign intervention and do not want to expand the area of war with their neighbors in the GCC countries, on condition that pressure is put on Iraq to stop its attacks on tankers carrying Iranian oil.

Second, the Iranians accept the neutrality of the Gulf countries and agree to discuss such a matter, on condition that the war is confined to Iraq and Iran.

Third, the Iranians are prepared to put an end to the deterioration in relations with their Gulf neighbors.

The sources said that in their talks with Syrian Vice President Khaddam, the Iranians refused to discuss ending the Iraqi-Iranian war and merely confined their talks to ways of preventing the war's expansion. Observers explain this stand by asserting that the Iranians have not yet decided their final stand on entering into negotiations, despite their certain knowledge that they will not be able to achieve any favorable results on the battlefronts. The Arab diplomatic sources said that the Iraqi-Iranian war will revert to what it was, that is, a war of attrition confined to ground attacks and infantry war until "some kind of development" occurs that will end the 4-year-old war.

The sources revealed that Saudi Arabia and several other Gulf Arab countries have asked Iraq not to attack tankers carrying oil from the Iranian island of Khark — at least for the time being — in order to ease tension in the area and so as not to give the United States an opportunity to intervene.

Gulf, Arab League Leaders Ask Iran To End War

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[Text] London, 1 Jun (KUNA) — Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad, deputy prime minister, foreign minister, and minister of information of Kuwait; Shaykh Ahmad ibn Sayf Al Thani, minister for foreign affairs of Qatar; and Chedli Klibi, general secretary of the Arab League, warned that escalation of the Iraqi-Iranian conflict will not serve international security and peace, and urged Iran to accept the decisions of the international community to halt the war. This was said in statements made by the three officials to *AT-TADHAMUN* to be published here tomorrow.

Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad warned that if the war is not contained and its spread is not prevented, "the fire will burn everyone."

He said he believes that the GCC countries are being dragged into a war to which they are not party. They have tried to stop it and he personally has mediated to end this war. Initially, his efforts were welcomed.

The Qatari minister for foreign affairs, Shaykh Ahmad ibn Sayf Al Thani, said the efforts of the GCC are aimed at sparing the region further instability and saving its human and material resources.

He added that diplomatic efforts in the United Nations are concentrating on two basic areas: containing the dangers which threaten possible expansion of the war, and endeavoring with the two sides to end it and settle it through peaceful means.

Replying to a question about U.S. intervention in the region, the Qatari minister said this probability will occur only if Iran closes the Strait of Hormuz and tries to obstruct navigation in the Gulf, which is an important waterway for the whole world.

Replying to another question, he stressed that no one is thinking of giving bases for the Americans in the region.

He underscored that this is one of the important principles which the GCC states are always seeking, to keep the region away from international conflicts and bloc policies.

Chedli Klibi urged Iran to recognize international legality and to accept UN resolutions. He said he hopes Iran will respond to the resolutions of the international organization calling for an end to the war before its escalation leads to dangers that will hit everyone.

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Gulf Conflict

Attacks on Towns — Iraqi defenders downed one of four Iranian fighters which attacked the towns of Jalula' and Kifri in Diyala Governorate, killing eight people, according to a military communique carried by INA. The plane crashed in flames in Iranian territory, the communique added. A communique reported by IRNA the same day claimed that Iranian fighter-bombers attacked "installations" in the towns of Kifri and As-Sa'diyah and returned safely to base.

Reporting on another development, the INA communique announced that Iraqi fighters carried out successful raids against "selected targets" in Gilan-e Gharb and Dehloran and against Iranian troop concentrations in the Maysan sector. The Iranian communique reported that "several" people were killed or wounded in Iraqi air raids on Dehloran and Gilan-e Gharb, but claimed that antiaircraft fire had driven Iraqi planes away from the town of Dow Rud.

Saddam Husayn Remarks — Iraqi President Saddam Husayn called for a "final blow" to the oil installations that make up Iran's "nerve center," INA reported. Addressing Iraqi pilots, Husayn urged them to deal "fierce blows" to Iranian economic targets, saying that by intensifying such blows they will hasten the end of the war.

Gulf Developments — An "official source" cited by SPA reaffirmed that the Iranian F-4 downed by Saudi fighters was shot down over Saudi territorial waters. Regarding the Iranian Foreign Ministry protest note on the incident, the source stated that there is nothing to add to the official statement issued by the Saudi Government. He noted that his country does not wish to escalate the situation in the Gulf.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti minister of state for Cabinet affairs stated that Kuwait had no knowledge of any U.S. measures to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf, adding that Kuwait had not asked any side to protect its tankers, KUNA reported.

Lebanon

Soviet-manned antiaircraft weapons and artillery have been brought to Syrian frontline positions in the western Al-Biqa' valley, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. The radio reported that the Syrian command has decided to move its 27th Brigade from the Barr Ilyas area to the Hammana area.

In another development, the speaker of the Chamber of Deputies adjourned the debate on the government policy statement until 11 June, at which time a vote of confidence in the government "might" be held, Beirut radio reported.

Clashes eased in Beirut after a cease-fire agreeent was reached, Beirut radio announced. The radio stated, however, that the agreement has not been observed completely and that sniper fire is continuing along the confrontation lines. Meanwhile, Minister of State for South Lebanon and Reconstruction Nabih Birri blamed Israeli arms and "agents" for the escalation of violence in Beirut, describing it as a form of "blackmail" against the Lebanese Cabinet, according to Beirut radio.

A person identifying himself as a member of the Islamic Jihad organization telephoned AFP's Beirut bureau and warned nationals of Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE to leave Lebanon within 2 weeks or suffer the same fate as the American and French contingents of the Beirut peacekeeping forces. Another AFP report said the unoccupied Saudi chancery in Beirut was extensively damaged in two explosions caused by a rocket and an "explosive charge."

Israel

The Jerusalem District Court sentenced No'am Yinon to 1 and 1/2 years in prison with an additional 1 and 1/2 years suspended sentence for his part in the Jewish underground affairs, IDF Radio reported. He was found guilty of helping to transfer 50 Syrian mines from the Qeshet settlement to the Nof settlement. The presiding judge indicated that the accused may not have known what the mines were intended for, the radio added.

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'Arafat Ends SFRY Visit, Arrives in Tunis

JN071743 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1616 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] arrived in Tunis today at the end of an official 2-day visit to the SFRY. During the visit, Brother Abu 'Ammar held talks with Veselin Djuranovic, president of the SFRY Presidency, dealing with developments in the Palestinian issue, the situation in the Middle East, and the Iraqi-Iranian war and ways of ending this war.

Prior to the conclusion of his visit, Brother leader Abu 'Ammar held a news conference in Belgrade. He said that clear resolutions were adopted at the Nonaligned summit in New Delhi to end the Iraqi-Iranian war. He added that the Iraqi-Iranian war was the major topic discussed with SFRY officials. Brother Abu 'Ammar affirmed that agreement was reached with SFRY officials on the need to activate the efforts of the Nonaligned Movement to end this war.

Abu 'Ammar described his talks with SFRY officials as positive and successful. He said that the talks centered on several issues of mutual concern, as well as bilateral relations and ways of strengthening these relations in order to benefit the joint struggle and insure a permanent and just peace in the Middle East on the basis of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people.

Brother Abu 'Ammar noted that the only solution to the Middle East crisis lies in convening an international conference by the concerned parties under UN auspices and with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council.

'Arafat Continues Efforts To End Gulf War

JN071746 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1616 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] has warned against the escalation of the Iraqi-Iranian war. In a statement to the Lebanese magazine *AL-HAWADITH* published today, he said that he is continuing his endeavors to activate the efforts of the Nonaligned Movement's Good Offices Committee in order to avoid a deterioration in the situation in the region.

Fatah's Khalid al-Hasan Arrives in Moscow

JN071131 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1010 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Moscow, 7 Jun (INA) — Khalid al-Hasan (Abu as-Sa'id), member of the Fatah Central Committee and chairman of the PNC International Relations Committee, arrived here today on a visit lasting several days.

Al-Hasan, who was joined in Moscow by Mahmud 'Abbas (Abu Mazin), member of the Fatah Central Committee, will hold meetings with Soviet officials to continue the political dialogue that began during the visit that a Fatah delegation paid to the USSR last month. The talks will touch on the latest developments in the Palestine question, current events in the Arab region, and other topics related to the means of developing Soviet-Palestinian relations.

Khalil al-Wazir Notes Arab Aid Shortfall

JN070723 Amman JORDAN TIMES in English 7 Jun 84 p 3

[by Lamis K. Andoni, *JORDAN TIMES* staff reporter]

[Text] Amman — A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Wednesday said that this year the joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for the Support of the Steadfastness of People in the Occupied Arab Territories has received only JD 3,922,000 (about $11 million) out of the $100 million originally allocated to it by an Arab summit in Baghdad in 1978.

Deputy Commander of PLO Forces Khalil al-Wazir (better known as Abu Jihad) told the *JORDAN TIMES* that at a meeting of the committee Wednesday it discussed the implications of the severe deficit in in its budget due to the failure of most of the Arab countries to fulfill their financial commitments.

Mr al-Wazir said that until now, Saudi Arabia and Algeria were the only two countries which had paid part of their commitment to the committee. He said Saudi Arabia had paid JD 3,552,000 and Algeria paid JD 370,000.

The Baghdad summit had originally allocated $100 million to the joint-committee in order to help maintain the economic conditions of Palestinians in the Israel-occupied territories and foil Israeli attempts to empty Arab lands.

But, due to different economic and political factors, most Arab countries have failed to fulfil their commitments. Consequently, the joint committee has been suffering from an ever-increasing deficit in its budget, especially as in 1983 it only received a total of $39 million.

Since the revival of the committee's functions last February, as part of the resumption of close co-ordination between Jordan and the PLO, it has embarked on a campaign to convince Arab countries to fulfil their commitments.

Both Mr al-Wazir and Minister of Industry, Trade, and Tourism Jawad al-'Anani visited Algeria which later sent a payment of just under $1 million.

During his last visit to Jordan two weeks ago, PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat told reporters that his recent tour of the Gulf countries was for the joint-committee. Yet, joint Jordanian-Palestinian moves and Mr 'Arafat's tour have so far failed to cover the deficit of the joint-committee and Mr al-Wazir said that its work will be characterised by austerity and selectivity in the future due to the sharp lack of funds.

He said that during Wednesday's meeting, a finance subcommittee was formed to draw-up a plan to distribute aid and loans according to the funds available and in accordance with committee priorities. The sub-committee includes Mr Anani, President of the Palestine National Fund (PNF) Hanna Nasir, and Director of the PLO office in Amman with responsibility for the occupied territories Fu'ad Bsaysu. The Wednesday meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sulayman 'Arar, Minister of Occupied Arab Territories Affairs Shawkat Mahmud and, on the Palestinian side, by Mr al-Wazir, Dr Nasir,

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The Chamber of Deputies approved the motion of confidence in Prime Minister Rashid Karami's government by a vote of 53 to 15, Beirut radio reported. The voting took place after Karami agreed to separate the confidence issue from his request for emergency powers, which the deputies granted by "mutual agreement" on a draft law that empowers the Cabinet to issue decrees canceling or amending previous legislation for 9 months provided the decrees are immediately submitted to the Chamber, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said. The Chamber also decided to extend its term for another 2 years, according to the radio.

Addressing the deputies before the vote in a speech reported by Voice of Lebanon radio, Karami stressed the need to close ranks to save the country, asserting that a government representing all the principal parties in the conflict is the only solution and that "our salvation lies in our hands." Karami also emphasized that the security arrangements necessary to ensure Israel's withdrawal from the south require a cohesive and united Army. The government must therefore seek to reform the Army and draw up a genuine defense policy so that the Army can "fulfill its national role in liberating Lebanon."

Sporadic sniper fire and limited clashes continued across the combat lines in Beirut, according to Radio Free Lebanon. An IDF soldier was wounded in an ambush near An-Nabatiyah on 11 June, Jerusalem radio said, and an IDF unit killed a Lebanese villager near Tyre the same day when the Israelis fired in the air in response to a stone-throwing crowd.

In Israel Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir discussed the Lebanese situation with UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who reaffirmed his opposition to the stationing of a UN force between the Israeli and Syrian armies in the Al-Biqa' valley, IDF Radio reported. In remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio, Perez de Cuellar expressed concern that the deployment of a UN buffer force between the two sides would lead to the partition of Lebanon. Meanwhile, Alignment MK Yitzhaq Rabin told the Knesset in remarks broadcast by IDF Radio that an Alignment government would seek to withdraw the IDF from Lebanon 6 to 9 months after securing an agreement that would guarantee that a reinforced UNIFIL contingent will take control of the area to be evacuated.

Gulf Conflict

Both Iran and Iraq appeared to be abiding by the agreement to halt attacks on civilian targets which came into effect on 12 June, although a military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio claimed Iran shelled the town of Zurbatiyah shortly after the deadline. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz informed the UN secretary general that the Iraqi Armed Forces had been ordered to "meticulously" abide by the agreement, according to INA.

Meanwhile, in remarks reported by INA, President Saddam Husayn urged Iraqi soldiers to prepare to crush an "anticipated" Iranian offensive and called on them to maintain their enthusiasm despite the agreement not to strike Iranian civilian targets.

In a separate development, IRNA announced that the Pentagon, together with the governments of Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, is planning air raids against Iran's oil installations on Khark and Lavan islands and the city of Bushehr, to be launched from a military base in Saudi Arabia. An official source in the Saudi Defense Ministry cited by SPA stated that there is no truth to the claim. He also denied Iranian claims that non-Saudi pilots were responsible for the recent downing of an Iranian aircraft.

In Saudi Arabia GCC foreign ministers began talks behind closed doors on 12 June, SPA announced.

Acting Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali stated that Egypt will offer the United States facilities at the Red Sea air and naval base of Ra's Banas to enable it to aid Gulf countries if one of the Gulf countries requests such aid, MENA and AFP reported.

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The General People's Committee has decided to establish a bureau for combating international terrorism, JANA announced. The new bureau will be attached to the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and will study terrorist practices and exchange information with "friendly" countries to combat terrorism, the agency added.

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Gulf Crisis

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmad as-Sabah, in an interview published by the London newspaper *Al-HAWADITH*, stated that his country does not accept intervention and does not grant facilities to any state, Eastern or Western, but may seek help by purchasing arms from "all sides." Asked about the possibility of a request for direct U.S. assistance, the foreign minister said: "I rule it out." He also declared that the Security Council should take action to end the Iran-Iraq war.

In a separate development, an Iranian Fokker F-27 transport plane made an "unexpected" landing at Bahrain airport, causing a 90-minute suspension of civilian air traffic, AFP reported.

Lebanon

A 2-hour exchange of fire took place in the eastern sector of southern Lebanon after an Israeli patrol was fired on from Syrian lines, Jerusalem radio announced. The Israeli forces responded with small arms and tank fire, the radio reported, adding that there were no Israeli casualties in the incident. IDF commanders cited by Jerusalem radio termed the clash a "local" incident not indicative of a Syrian attempt to "heat up" the sector. Nevertheless, the Israeli newspaper *HADASHOT* claimed that Israel had warned the Syrian authorities through diplomatic channels not to try to "heat up" the confrontation line.

In another incident, Lebanese resistance fighters on 14 June fired two Katyusha rockets which fell near the northern Israeli settlement of Misgav 'Am, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio announced. IDF Radio reported that two craters caused by Katyusha rockets were discovered in southern Lebanon not far from the Israeli settlement.

In Beirut the situation was calm following a day of tension and clashes on 14 June during which five U.S. Embassy personnel were kidnapped at a roadblock, according to reports by the clandestine Radio Free lebanon. All but one of the five were later released, the radio added.

In another development, Minister of State for South Lebanon and Reconstruction Affairs Nabih Birri described calls for the return of armed Palestinians to Lebanon as not serving the Lebanese cause, according to Beirut radio. He asked the Palestinians not to involve Lebanon in a struggle that would help neither the Lebanese nor the Palestinian causes.

Israel

Regular and reserve units from the infantry, paratroops, artillery, Engineering Corps, and Air Force participated in a "large-scale" exercise in southern Israel which ended on 14 June, according to Jerusalem radio.

PLO Affairs

Participants in the third intra-Palestinian reconciliation session which ended in Aden on 14 June encountered "some obstacles" which compelled the delegations to consult with their organizations in order to put the "final touches" on the Aden meeting resolutions, according to remarks by PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir reported by WAKH. Al-Wazir added that the major issues discussed at the session included a date for the PNC, 'Arafat's visit to Cairo, and the events in northern Lebanon.

A spokesman for the session stated that the participants had agreed to resume the meetings in Aden within a week and observed that this will enable the delegations to hold consultations with their central committees and permit a final agreement to be reached, according to Aden radio. The spokesman said that "tangible progress" toward a comprehensive "political and organizational" agreement had been achieved.

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Fatah Council Statement on Palestinian Dialogue

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[Text] The following is the text of the statement issued by Fatah's Provisional Revolutionary Council:

Fatah's Provisional Revolutionary Council held its second meeting within its first session on 17-18 June. Two main central points topped all other topics on the Council's agenda. These are: The dialogue with the Democratic Alliance under the prevalent situation in the Palestinian arena and pressing internal issues, specifically the recent violations committed on the organizational and attitude level.

The council adopted a number of resolutions and recommendations and commissioned Fatah's Provisional Command to implement them firmly and resolutely.

After discussing current moves in the Palestinian arena, particularly meetings that are taking place between the Democratic Alliance and 'Arafat's Central Committee, and in view of the scheduled meeting between the Democratic and National Alliances, the Council made the following recommendations:

1. Approving the principle of dialogue between the National and Democratic Alliances on the basis of wrecking 'Arafat's command and course in order to rescue the PLO from the state of paralysis — a state generated by 'Arafat's deviation from the PLO's national course and [words indistinct];

2. Endeavoring to render this dialogue successful without ceding Fatah's political trends, which were couched in the political statement issued by the Provisional Revolutionary Council after the first meeting. This stems from the Council's eagerness to preserve the PLO's unity and to defend the PLO's achievements and our people's gains;

3. Stressing the need for the participation in the dialogue of the Communist Party — Provisional Command — and the Palestine Liberation Front in order to form the broadest Palestinian front to resist the deviationist course;

4. Expanding the dialogue between Fatah and the factions of the Democratic Alliance, provided that this not be confined to the leaders alone, but also cover all other levels;

5. Intensifying the information coverage of such dialogues and Fatah's role in these dialogues.

As for the second point on the agenda, the Council discussed Fatah's internal affairs in light of the developments in the Lebanese and Syrian arenas as a result of the irresponsible behavior by certain brothers in Fatah. The Council denounced such behavior and practices that do not serve the revolution and the Palestinian action.

The Council asked the Provisional Command to adopt certain immediate organizational measures. The Council will complete the discussion of this matter at another session. The Council requested an explanation for what is taking place within Fatah, including its cadres and masses, as all that has happened was a result of the irresponsible and undemocratic practices on the part of an isolated party in Fatah.

The Council reiterates that Fatah is unified and believes in the principles on which the uprising has taken place. Fatah, the Council adds, is capable — in view of its revolutionary, organizational, and military potentials — of confronting all reckless attempts at sabotage by any side and of continuing the revolution until victory. It is a revolution until victory.

PNC's Al-Fahum Views Inter-Palestinian Dialogue

PM201822 London ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic 20 Jun 84pp 1,3

[Report on interview with PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum by *ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT* correspondent: "Khalid al-Fahum: Palestinian Meeting in Damascus Today To Lay Down Firm Principles for Struggle"]

[Excerpts] Amman [as published] — In an exclusive statement to *ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT*, PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum said that the meeting of Palestinian resistance factions in Damascus will lead to the resolution of the crisis after everyone realizes that they all are paying the price for the differences.

An expanded Palestinian meeting will be held in Damascus today, Tuesday, under PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum which will be attended by factions of the quadripartite Democratic Alliance, which consists of the PFLP, the DFLP, the Palestine Liberation Front, and the Palestinian Communist Party, as well by factions of the quadripatite National Alliance, which consists of the As-Sa'iqah organization, the PFLP-GC, the National Struggle Front, and the opposition in Fatah. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a stand toward the Algiers talks and Aden talks which are due to be resumed in a few days' time. A final stand is expected to be declared after the Aden talks, which all quarters expect to lead to the resumption of the unity of Palestinian action.

Speaking about the Palestinian dialogue and various aspects of the Palestinian problem, PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum said: The meeting which the eight factions will attend in Damascus today, together with members of the PLO Executive Committee, is a continuation of the inter-Palestinian dialogue. It is also an expression of a deep sense of responsibility and of the feeling of concern for the future of the Palestnian Arab people's struggle. The meeting is also a stepping stone to a comprehensive dialogue with the aim of preserving the unity of the PLO and its legitimate institutions on the basis of its Charter, successive PNC resolutions, and the 16th PNC resolution that confirms the rejection of all plans that the United States submits, the United States being hostile to our Palestinian people and their national rights, which have been recognized by UN resolutions and the world community.

Al-Fahum added: When I refer to the United States in particular it is because of its prominent role in the hostile campaign against our people and of its material assistance and aid to the Zionist entity and the expansionist Israeli policy. For this reason

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Gulf Conflict

Moratorium, Military Situation — A three-member UN team arrived in Iran to monitor the moratorium on attacks against civilian areas, IRNA reported. An Iranian Foreign Ministry official cited by Tehran radio stated that the delegation's arrival is not linked with the wider issues of the war: Its acceptance is only a positive response to the UN secretary general's appeal.

Meanwhile, Iraq shelled Abadan, Khorramshahr, and Sar Dasht, IRNA reported. A reliable source cited by Tehran radio warned that if Iraq continues such attacks Iran will attack Basra, since it is an important center for Iraqi forces. The Iranian threat followed information from UN Secretariat sources cited by KUNA that Iraq had warned that it would exclude Abadan and Khorramshahr from the moratorium because of the presence of large Iranian military contingents there. The sources quoted a letter from Iraq to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar as stating that "we will hit these towns if necessary."

Iran has been informed through a third party that Iraq has chosen 80 military and economic positions in Iran that will be destroyed during any Iranian offensive or limited attack, according to prominent Arab sources at the United Nations cited by the Kuwaiti paper *AL-WATAN*. The sources added that Iraq possesses a new kind of air-to-ground missile, one of which caused over 600 casualties in Baneh early this month.

Husayn-Fahd Meeting — Jordan's King Husayn met with Saudi King Fahd while on pilgrimage to Mecca, Amman radio announced. During the meeting, Husayn stressed that Jordan stands by Saudi Arabia and all the Gulf states in the defense of their territory, waters, and sovereignty.

Syria-Israel POW Exchange

A POW exchange between Syria and Israel will take place in Al-Qunaytirah 28 June, SANA reported. The exchange, arranged after several months of negotiations through the International Red Cross, will include the return of "all Syrian POW's and the bodies of some martyrs," the agency said. The negotiations also resulted in the release of 21 other Syrian nationals, including 13 from the Golan Heights, who will return to their homes in the "occupied territory."

Iran

Hijacking — An Iranian Boeing 727 was hijacked en route from Tehran to Bushehr by two men and forced to refuel at Doha, where the passengers were released, IRNA reported. The plane then departed Doha and landed at Cairo. Egyptian authorities refused to grant the hijackers political asylum, according to MENA.

Gromyko Message — The USSR ambassador in Tehran delivered a message from Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko to Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran radio reported.

Lebanon

Southern Developments — The IDF has closed Sidon port for several days for security reasons, but the port of Tyre is operating normally contrary to reports from Beirut, IDF Radio announced on 27 June. Earlier, Beirut radio reported that the Israelis had closed both ports.

Security/Political Situation — Army Commander General Michel 'Awn chaired a Military Council meeting which focused on preparations for implementing the security plan, new appointments, and the rehabilitation of the Army, Beirut radio reported. Security sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio noted that the security plan is aimed at the withdrawal of heavy weapons from the capital, the deployment of three Army brigades in Greater Beirut, and the reopening of crossing points, the airport, and the port. The meeting was "clearly positive" with all members expressing their desire for an end to the crisis, the radio's sources disclosed.

In other developments, Damascus radio reported that former President Sulayman Franjiyah discussed the situation during talks with President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus. The Progressive Socialist Party's clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio cited reports of an "unusual state" in the Phalange Party because of fears that Pierre al-Jumayyil, the party's founder and leader, is seriously ill.

PLO Affairs

No agreement has been reached at the Aden Intra-Palestinian dialogue session as a result of opposition to the announcement of a date for the PNC session by "parties wagering on Syrian support," Baghdad Voice of PLO radio announced. While confirming that Fatah and the Democratic Alliance had failed to set a date for the PNC session, a "responsible" Palestinian source said the participants in the Aden negotiations will hold an "urgent" meeting at an undisclosed location before 5 July in order to arrive at an agreement.

Meanwhile, the Democratic and National Alliances resumed talks in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. The talks were attended by PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum, PLO Executive Committee members, and representatives of the Palestinian factions.

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'Arafat Arrives in San'a' on Official Visit

JN281713 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1614 GMT 28 Jun 84

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] has arrived in San'a' on an official visit to the YAR that will last several days. Our correspondent has learned that brother leader Abu 'Ammar will hold talks with YAR President Colonel 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih dealing with the latest developments in the Middle East and with Zionist terrorist practices against our Palestinian people in the occupied homeland. Our correspondent added that brother leader Abu 'Ammar will also discuss with the YAR president all efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war. He will also visit the Palestinian National Liberation Army forces that are stationed in fraternal YAR.

Yasir 'Arafat Discusses Israel on Vienna TV

AU282100 Vienna Television Service in German 1915 GMT 28 Jun 84

[Interview with PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat by Austrian TV reporter Hans Benedict at 'Arafat's headquarters in Tunis — date not given; interview conducted in English with superimposed German translation; passages in quotation marks transcribed from original English; opening passage is introduction by Benedict]

[Text][Benedict] Yasir 'Arafat received the report on the conclusion of an internal agreement of peace in the PLO from his military deputy dispatched to Aden, Abu Jihad [Khalil al-Wazir], during a session of the Military and Security Committee of the largest PLO component, the Fatah, in his exile headquarters in Tunis.

'Arafat and his closest advisers, including the deputy chief of operations, Abu al-Mu'tasim, and political adviser (Karak), both with the rank of general, defined in Tunis the political and military course of Fatah for the PNC conference planned for Algiers in August 1984. This PLO parliament shall finalize a long-term program drafted by 'Arafat on what is called the intensification of the political struggle of the PLO components and on the sharpening of the military struggle in the territories occupied by Israel.

Question to 'Arafat: Will the PLO leadership, after the conclusion of this internal peace agreement, now be able to do what it could not do to date — that is, undertake an initiative vis-a-vis Israel in the form of an offer for peace negotiations without preconditions? Could not the PLO only benefit in such a case, regardless of whether Israel accepts or rejects such an offer?

['Arafat] We have already started this initiative. "You remember when during my visit to Beijing" we did so not in the form of a unilateral offer of negotiations — this is useless — but as an offer for an international peace conference under the UN flag, with all parties involved in the conflict and without any preconditions. This is our initiative. Remember one thing: A unilateral PLO initiative is senseless. This is what President as-Sadat's fate has taught us. As-Sadat imagined that he could win over the Israelis for a peace with the Palestinians. And what happened? The Israelis cheated him. Even President Carter cheated As-Sadat in Camp David with the promise that the Palestinian issue would be solved once As-Sadat would take the step to Jerusalem for peace negotiations. And this is why nobody will risk another disaster of this kind.

[Benedict] This means that another political setback, for example, a failure to bring about this large-scale conference, implies a return to military options?

['Arafat] "You are speaking about military options?" No, I term it a defense option and to this we are entitled under the UN Charter.

The UN Charter says that any people that suffers our destiny has the right to resist with all possible means.

[Benedict] In other words, do you thus exclude any chance for a more direct closeness between the PLO and a new Israeli government after the elections in July, even if it should be a Socialist government?

['Arafat] My hopes are pinned on the peace movements in Israel, that the Israelis will vote for peace, as a challenge for all of us, "and the challenge of this election is the peace."

If the Israelis do not do it, it will be because the West, America, and Europe, are spoiling Israel like a problem child instead of chastising it.

This can only lead to a disaster in this area.

Palestinian Delegations Initial Agreement, Depart

GF281424 Aden Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 28 Jun 84

[Excerpt] An agreement was initialed yesterday among the sides participating in the Palestinian national dialogue, which includes the Fatah Central Committee delegation under the leadership of Abu Jihad [Khalil al-Wazir], Fatah Central Committee member and deputy commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces; and the quadripartite Democratic Alliance, comprising delegations of the PFLP, led by Abu 'Ali Mustafa, assistant secretary general of the front; the DFLP, led by Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh, assistant secretary general of the front; the Palestinian Communist Party, led by Sulayman an-Najjad, member of the party's Political Bureau; and the Palestine Liberation Front, led by Abu al-'Ula, member of the front's Political Bureau.

The dialogue was under the patronage of the YSP and the Algerian National Liberation Front Party.

The delegations of the Palestinian quadripartite alliance left Aden this morning following the conclusion of the third round of the Palestinian national democratic dialogue.

The delegations were seen off by Brother Mahmud an-Najashi, member of the YSP Central Committee and deputy secretary of the Central Committee; and a number of officials of the YSP Central Committee Secretariat.